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Note by the Secretariat

1. At its fifty-seventh session, the Commission on Human Rights, recalling the requests contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 of its resolution 2000/41 and taking into account the note by the secretariat (E/CN.4/2001/61) in that regard, adopted decision 2001/105 in which it requested the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to hold a consultative meeting in Geneva for all interested Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, with a view to finalizing the "Basic principles and guidelines on the right to a remedy and reparation for victims of violations of international human rights and humanitarian law" annexed to the final report of the independent expert (E/CN.4/2000/62), on the basis of the comments submitted. The Office of the High Commissioner was furthermore requested to transmit to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session the final outcome of the consultative meeting for its consideration.

2. The Office of the High Commissioner remains deeply committed to the process of finalizing the "Basic principles and guidelines on the right to a remedy and reparation for victims of violations of international human rights and humanitarian law", and hereby informs the Commission that preparations are under way to hold the consultative meeting, as requested by the Commission in decision 2001/105, later in the year 2002.

3. The Office of the High Commissioner also takes this opportunity to welcome any further replies from States on this issue in response to the note verbale requesting comments on the "Basic principles and guidelines".

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